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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the three public transit operations in Northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace Suburban Bus. The RTA provides customer services including travel training for people with disabilities. For more information, visit <u>rtachicago.org</u>

# **RTA Travel Information Center & Customer Service**

312.836.7000 • rtachicago.org Call 312.913.3110 for locations and hours.



# **General Information**

#### CTA, Metra and Pace

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs buses and elevated/subway trains in Chicago and nearby suburbs. transitchicago.com. Metra provides commuter rail services throughout the region serving Chicago and its suburbs. metra. <u>com</u>. Pace Suburban Bus moves people throughout the Chicago region with fixed bus routes, Dial-a-Ride, On Demand other community transit programs and ADA Paratransit service. Most Pace bus routes connect with Metra and CTA service.

#### **Transit Partners**

South Shore Line runs trains on the Metra Electric line from downtown Chicago to South Bend, Indiana, serving the Southeast Side of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. mysouthshoreline.com. Amtrak provides rail service from Chicago's Union Station to cities throughout Illinois. <u>amtrak.com</u>.

Metra has 243 commuter rail stations, of which 191 are fully accessible and 11 are partially accessible. The CTA "L" train system includes 145 stations, of which 103 are fully accessible. All CTA and Pace buses are ramp equipped and make automated stop announcements. For more information on how to use the region's accessible bus and rail system, visit rtachicago.org/riders.



#### Key Locations

<b>Key Locations</b> ■ Points of Interest				
Adler Planetarium	H14	Ryan Field (Northwestern		
Allstate Arena	C1	University Wildcats)		
Art Institute of Chicago	E13	Sears Tower see Willis Tower SeatGeek Stadium		
Baha'i Temple	A5			
The Ballpark in Rosemont	C2	Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium		
Bally's Casino	B12	Skydeck Chicago		
Beaches:		Smart Museum		
Oak St. Ohio St. 12th St.	A13 C14 H14	Soldier Field		
		Spertus Institute		
The Brickyard Shopping Center	E3	State Street shopping		
Broadview Village Square Mall	G2	Stephens (Rosemont) Convention Center		
Brookfield Zoo	G2	Symphony Center		
Buckingham Fountain	F13	360° Chicago		
Chicago Architecture Center	D12	United Center		
Chicago Board of Trade	F11	(Bulls, Blackhawks)		
Chicago Children's Museum	C14	United Parcel Service, Hodgkins		
Chicago Cultural Center	D12	University of Chicago & Medical Center		
Chicago History Museum	E6			
Chicago Ridge Mall	К3	Village Crossing Shopping Center		
Chicago Stock Exchange	F11	Visitor Information Center		
Chinatown	G6	Water Tower Place		
City Hall/County Building	D11	Westfield Old Orchard		
Civic Opera House	E11	Willis Tower		
Cook County Courts:		Wintrust Arena		
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Maywood	F2	Art Institute of Chicago	E
Skokie	A4	Chicago State University	
edit Union 1 Arena (UIC)	F6	Columbia College	F
lley Center	D12	Concordia University	
lens Plaza	A4	Daley College	
shion Outlets of Chicago	C2	Dawson Technical Institute	_
deral buildings and courts	E12	DePaul University, Downtown	- F
eld Museum	H14	DePaul University, Lincoln Park	
rd City Mall	14	DeVry Univ	
ank Lloyd Wright storic District	F3	Dominican University	
allery 37 Center for the Arts	D12	East-West University	G
arfield Park Conservatory	F5	Harold Washington College	D
olf Mill Shopping Center	A2	Illinois Institute of Technology	(
eektown	F6	Illinois Institute of Technology, Downtown	E
eyhound Bus Terminal	F10	Kendall College	
arlem/Irving Plaza	D3	Kennedy-King College	
rold Washington Library	F12	Loyola University, Lake Shore	
arris Theatre	D13	Loyola University, Water Tower	`
wthorne Race Course	G4	Malcolm X College	
nes VA Hospital	G2	Moraine Valley College	
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nois Center	D13	National-Louis Univ Skokie	
nois Holocaust Museum	A4	North Park University	
nois Medical District	F5	Northeastern Illinois University	
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ne Addams Hull House	G9		
hn Hancock Center (former)	B13	Northwestern University, Downtown	В
ncoln Park Zoo & Conservatory	E6	Oakton College	
ncolnwood Town Center Mall	B5	Olive-Harvey College	
yola University Medical Center	G2	Roosevelt University	F
aggie Daley Park	E13	St. Xavier University	-



Van Buren Street Station Pullman National Historical Park Metra Electric Line South Shore Line Quarry Shopping Center Rate Field (White Sox) Chicago Street numbers start at State and Madison downtown. State St. divides east and west addresses. Madison St. divides north and south addresses. Suburban street numbers vary; not all use Chicago's system. One mile is equal to 800 street

numbers (except between Madison and 31st St.). For Example,

South Shore Line

Museum Campus/11th St Station G13

Montrose (4400 N) is one mile north of Addison (3600 N). © 2025 Regional Transportation Authority

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# Fares & Passes

### **Payment Methods**

Tickets and passes on CTA, Metra, and Pace can be purchased via the Ventra app for iPhone, Apple Watch, or an Android device using Google Wallet.

Ventra cards, only for use on CTA and Pace, can be purchased for \$5 from vending machines, retailers, or add a virtual card to phone via Ventra app. Contactless credit/debit cards are accepted on CTA and Pace. Cash is accepted on buses only, no transfers are issued when paying cash.

Metra tickets can be purchased at Metra ticket vending machines located at all downtown terminals. One-way tickets can also be purchased on the train, there is \$5 surcharge if a Metra ticket vending machine is available.

Fare Type	Ventra or Contactless	Transfer*	Cash (no transfers)
CTA Full	\$2.25 (bus), \$2.50 (rail)**	Free	\$2.50
CTA Reduced	\$1.10 (bus), 1.25 (rail)	Free	\$1.25
Pace Full	\$2.00	Free	\$2.25
Pace Reduced	\$1.00	Free	\$1.10
Pace Premium Full	\$4.50	Free	\$4.50
Pace Premium Reduced	\$2.25		\$2.25

Up to 2 children free per adult on Pace. On CTA, Children 6 years of age and younger traveling alone pay reduced fare. On Pace, children under the age of 7 are not  $\label{thm:continuous} Visit \ \underline{\mathsf{rtachicago.org/riders/paying-for-your-ride}} \ for \ information \ for \ paying \ children's \ fares \ with \ Ventra.$ 

\*2 transfers within 2 hours \*\*\$5 fare charged when boarding Blue Line at O'Hare

### CTA & Pace Passes

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Pass Type	Fee	Note
CTA/Pace 1-Day Pass	\$5	Unlimited rides for 24 hours from first use
CTA/Pace 3-Day Pass	\$15	Unlimited rides for 3 days from first use
CTA/Pace 7-Day Pass	\$20	Unlimited rides for 7 days from first use
CTA/Pace 30-Day Pass	\$75	\$35 for reduced fare riders
Pace 30-Day Pass	\$60	\$30 for reduced fare riders

Pace Premium 30-Day Pass \$140 \$70 for reduced fare riders

Visit transitchicago.com/fares/ for CTA fare details. Visit pacebus.com/fares for Pace fare details.

### **Metra Fares & Passes**

Fares are based on distance traveled. The table below is for the price of tickets and passes based on travel to/from downtown Chicago (Zone 1) and between Zones 2-4. Trips not going to Zone 1 should use the pricing listed in the 2-4 column.

Zone	1-2	1-3	1-4	2-4
One-Way	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$6.75	\$3.75
Reduced One-Way	\$1.75	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$1.75
Day Pass	\$7.50	\$11.00	\$13.50	\$7.50
Reduced Day Pass	\$3.50	\$5.50	\$6.50	\$3.50
Day Pass 5-Pack*	35.75	\$52.25	\$64.25	\$35.75
Reduced Day Pass 5-Pack*	\$17.50	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$17.50
Monthly	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
Reduced Monthly	\$37.50	\$55.00	\$67.50	\$37.50
Reduced fare tickets are available fo and Medicare recipients who have a available for low-income riders who	n RTA-issued Re have an RTA-iss	educed Fare Pe sued Access ca	rmit. Reduced	fares are also

Reduced Fare age 7-11; Children under 7 ride free. Up to 3 children free per adult on Metra; on weekends children 7-11 are free. Children under the age of 7 are not permitted to travel alone. \*Available in the Ventra app only. The Day Pass 5-Pack can be shared by up to five riders

Day Passes are good for unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Passes expire at 3 a.m. the next day. Metra offers a \$7 Saturday, Sunday or Holiday Day Pass for unlimited rides on either Saturday or Sunday or major holidays, and a \$10 Weekend Pass for unlimited rides on both weekend days. Not valid for travel on the South Shore Line. Monthly passes are valid for unlimited rides in a calendar month.

### **Regional Connect Pass**

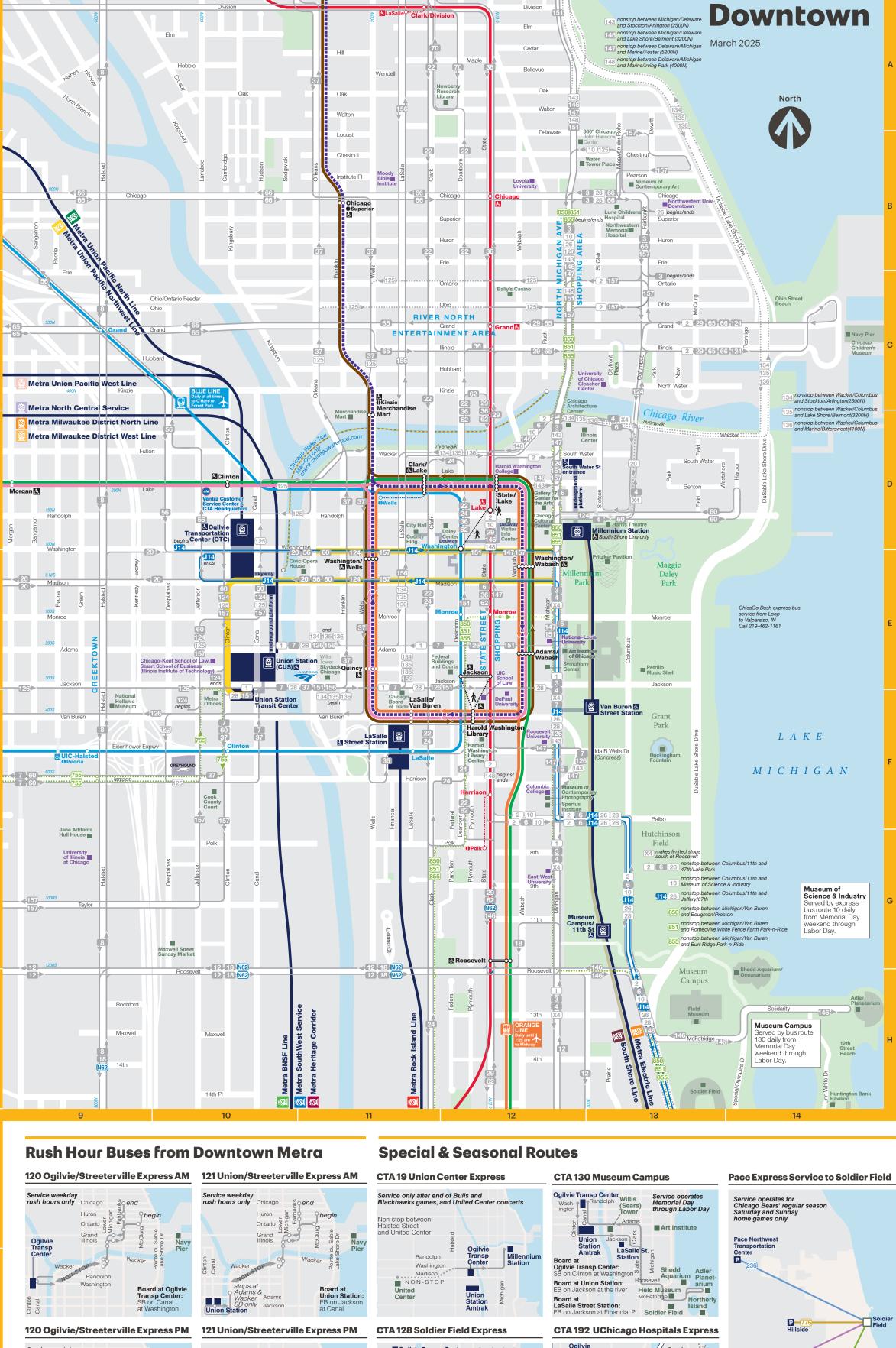
Holders of the Monthly Pass can also purchase the Regional Connect Pass, offering unlimited rides on CTA and Pace (Pace Premium routes require additional fare), with no time or day restrictions, for an entire month. Cost to Monthly pass holders is \$30. Visit <u>transitchicago.com</u> and <u>pacebus.com</u> for details.

# NICTD (South Shore Line) Fares

South Shore Line fares are based on distance traveled. There are four basic ticket types; one-way, 10-ride, 25-rides, and monthly tickets. Reduced fares are available for senior citizens and customers with disabilities. Please note that Metra tickets and passes are not valid on South Shore Line trains. Visit mysouthshoreline.com for NICTD fare options and details.

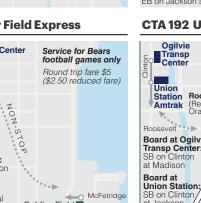
Fares are subject to change. Effective through December 31, 2025.













Route Terminal



# Legend

Purple Line Express



Free Train Connections Walk Between Stations
For free transfer using fare card Between Linden & Howard

#### Metra Rail Rail Line & Station Station Not Served at All Times South Shore Line Fully Accessible Station Partially Accessible Station Other Symbols Park & Ride Lot

Chicago Street Numbe

Amtrak Line & Station 800-USA-RAIL

Interstate Highway

GREYHOUND Greyhound Bus Station 800-231-2222

#### **CTA Buses** Pace Buses Part-Time Service Part-Time Service Certain Trips Only Non-Stop Express Service Non-Stop Express, Part-Time Service Limited Stops Along Bus Route

Certain Trips Only Night Owl Service Only Non-Stop Service Limited Stops Along Bus Route Route Terminal Loop Link Transitway

